(d) the steps that are being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Instructions are there that wherever a Selection Committee/Board exists or has to be constituted for making recruitment to 10 or more vacancies in Group C and D posts/services, the Committee/Board should have one member belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Class and one member belonging to minority community. In case of less than 10 vacancies, all efforts are made for inclusion of such members in the Committees/Boards.

(c) Information is not centrally maintained.

(d) All Ministries/Departments etc. are required to follow the instructions. An officer who disobeys such instructions may be penalized under the disciplinary rules.

Allowance to Pensioners not covered by Health Scheme

3573. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government pensioners not covered by CGHS or any other health care facilities were in receipt of an allowance of Rs. 100 per month with pension before 1st January, 2006;

(b) whether similar allowance has been allowed *w.e.f.* 1st January, 2006 along with the pensions revised from that date;

(c) if so, the rate thereof and when the orders were issued; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Fixed Medical Allowance @Rs. 100 per month was sanctioned *w.e.f.* 01.12.97 and is continuing in respect of Central Government pensioners/family pensioners who at the time of retirement/death were governed by Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 and were eligible for medical facilities after retirement.

(d) Does not arise.

Disproportionate assets cases probed by CBI

†3574. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases pertaining to offence of disproportionate assets being probed by the CBI;

(b) the percentage of challan produced in courts during last ten years, and punishment given;

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(c) the number of cases pending prosecution for last ten or more years;

(d) the number of cases pending probe for ten or more years; and

(e) the steps being taken to correct this slow pace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) During the period from 01-01-2000 to 30-06-2009, 920 cases of Disproportionate Assets were registered by the CBI.

(b) During the period from 01-01-2000 to 30-06-2009, charge-sheets were filed in 529 cases and 60 cases of Disproportionate Assets resulted in conviction.

(c) 139 cases of disproportionate assets are pending trial in various courts for more than ten years.

(d) No Disproportionate Assets case in pending investigation for ten or more years.

(e) CBI files charge-sheet as soon as investigation in a case is completed. The time taken for investigation of cases by the CBI depends on the nature of cases, number of voluminous documents requiring scrutiny and the number of voluminous documents requiring scruitny and the number of witnesses. CBI endeavors to complete investigation in all cases at the earliest. There is a laid down system of holding monthly and quarterly review meetings where th ecases under investigation are examined with a view to finalise tem early.

Also, 39 Special Courts exclusively for trial of CBI cases have been set up all over the country for speedy disposal of CBI cases.

Information Commission in States/UTs

†3575. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Information Commission' has been constituted in all the States and Union Territories of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States and the number of Commissioners appointed with unit-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of information provided so far and number of pending applications, the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details thereof; and

(d) the plans with Government to make this programme more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) All the 27 States to which the Right to Information Act, 2005 applies, have constituted the Information Commissions. Union Territories are covered by the Central Information Commission.

(b) and (c) State-wise information are not centrally maintained.

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